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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MASAKIYO MATSUMURA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SONG, M. J.  
SERIAL NO: 10/790,828 :  
FILED: MARCH 3, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1722  
FOR: CRYSTALLIZATION APPARATUS, :  
CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD, PHASE  
MODULATION ELEMENT, DEVICE AND  
DISPLAY APPARATUS

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed June 19, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-19 for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

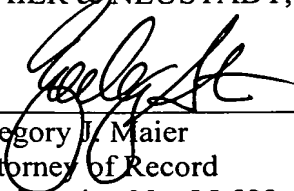
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants also respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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